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TO AMCONSUL BELIZE
AMEMBASSY GUATEMALA
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AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

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SUBJECT.SUBREGIONAL POLITICAL OFFICERS MEETING

REF: JARAMILLO/GRAHAM TELCONS

1. EMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA HAS KINDLY OFFERED TO HOST THIS YEAR'S SUBREGIONAL POLITICAL OFFICERS CONFERENCE. THE MOST CONVENIENT EARLY DATE FOR THE MEETING IS OCTOBER 19 AND 20, WITH THE POSSIBILITY OF ADDING OCTOBER 21 IF THE AGENDA REQUIRES A THIRD DAY. WE WILL PROCEED WITH PLANNING FOR THESE DATES UNLESS POST REPLIES INDICATE PARTICIPATION IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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THE MEETING WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE.

2. AS IN PREVIOUS MEETINGS, THE DEPARTMENT APPROVES PARTICIPATION OF POLITICAL SECTION CHIEFS, OR IN THEIR ABSENCE, AN APPROPRIATE OFFICER DESIGNATED BY THE AMBASSADOR. BELIZE AND PANAMA ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. (BELIZE PARTICIPATED LAST YEAR; PANAMA DID NOT). FUNDING FOR

EACH OFFICER'S PARTICIPATION IS TO BE BORNE BY THE POSTS
FROM LOCAL TRAVEL BUDGET, WITH T.O. WRITTEN LOCALLY.
WASHINGTON EXPECTS TO BE REPRESENTED BY ARA/CEN ALTERNATE

DIRECTOR RICHARD GRAHAM AND EL SALVADOR COUNTRY OFFICER
ARLEN WILSON, BOTH OF WHOM WOULD ALSO BE MAKING ORIENTA-
TION VISITS. THE ADDITIONAL TRAVEL OF THE WASHINGTON
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE THE SUBJECT OF SEPARATE MESSAGES
WHEN PLANS ARE MORE FIRM.

3. POSTS ARE REQUESTED TO CONFIRM THEIR PARTICIPATION
AND TO SUGGEST TOPICS TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE AGENDA.
PLEASE SLUG REPLIES TO RICHARD GRAHAM, ARA/CEN. SOME
AGENDA TOPICS WHICH ARE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO WASHINGTON
WOULD INCLUDE: (A) TERRORISM IN CENTRAL AMERICA WITH
ALL ITS RAMIFICATIONS (B) REGIONAL BORDER ISSUES (C)
HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY AND PRACTICE (D) POLICIES OF THE
NEW ADMINISTRATIONS IN COSTA RICA, GUATEMALA AND
HONDURAS (E) REGIONAL COOPERATION PROSPECTS (F) SECURITY
ASSISTANCE RELATIONSHIP (G) POLITICAL/ECONOMIC ISSUES
(MULTILATERAL AND BILATERAL LOANS, COMMODITIES, GSP,
FISHERIES, SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ETC.) CHRISTOPHER

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